

Remarks

A. Pending Claims

Claims 2117-2124, 2126-2162, 2164-2192, and 5396-5402 are currently pending.

B. Double Patenting

Claims 2117-2124 and 2126-2155 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1687-1690 and 1694-1721 of copending Application No. 10/128,701. Applicant disagrees with the rejections, but in the interest of expediency, a terminal disclaimer is being submitted as an accompanying document.


C. Additional Comments

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

A Fee Authorization in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for the terminal disclaimer. If an extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate extension of time. If any additional fees are required or if any fees have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5659-02300/EBM.

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